पर 96% तथा दो हैड नियामकों पर 97% से अधिक कार्य पूरा हो गया है ।

(ख) विलम्ब का कारण मुख्यतया निर्माण अभिकरणों द्वारा कार्य की धीमी प्रगति है । उन्हें कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिये कहा गया है ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा क्रमश: 8.10 करोड़ रुपए तथा 4.37 करोड़ रुपए का अंशदान किया गया है ।

Setting up of a climate monitoring body

3554. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a climate monitoring body to review on a continual basis the emerging trends in global warning and its implication on the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The government is considering setting up an advisory committee to advise the government on the issues of global warming and ozone layer depletion. The details are under consideration.

Certifying of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax free

3555. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Direct Taxes has refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free, if so, whether the present subscribers will accept them;

(b) what was the reasons for taking such a decision and whether it can be reversed and whether negotiations are going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other; if so, with what results;

(c) whether Bank of India has been paid higher commission on the issue; if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether MTNL has demanded the refund of the excess fees; and

(d) whether the controller of capital issues will take punitive action against the bankers for flouting its directives; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Central Board of Direct Texes has not refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free. Bank of India continues to remain as Registered holders of 10 years-9 per cent (tax free) secured redeemable non-convertible Bonds (2nd issue) in the Nigam's Books.

(b) The question does not arise. There are no negotiations going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on the one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other.

(c) Payment of commission, etc are matters of commercial arrangement between the concerned organisations.

(d) No directives have been issued by the CCI to Bank of India and as such the question of taking punitive action does not arise.

Socio-economic conditions of tea plantation workers

3556. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the socio-economic conditions of the tea plantation workers in the Dooars area in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal is deteriorating;

(b) whether it is, also a fact that a large number of tea gardens out of a total of 153 are becoming sick;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to rejuvenate these tea gardens and to bring those depressed and economically helpless workers into the mainstream of Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

News-item captioned "Errant IT Official Vanishes"

3557. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "Errant IT Official vanishes" which appeared in the Indian Post Bombay dated the 9th December, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the official has since been traced;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were some vigilance cases pending against the concerned official when he disappeared;

(d) whether the official was suspended pending enquiry against him; and

(e) what is the present position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The officer was not missing.

(c) Yes, Sir. But subject to remarks given at (b) above.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Charge sheet has been served on the officer on 6.12.88.

State Law Minister's Conference

3558. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of conferences of State Law Ministers that were held during the last three years;

(b) what were the decisions taken at each Conference alongwith the date of the Conference;

(c) how many decisions taken at the conference have since been implemented; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement the remaining decisions?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) None, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

"Allocation of funds for Mundanthurai and Kalakad sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu"

3559. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds under Operation Tiger' has been sanctioned to merge Mundanthurai and Kalakad sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any tourism zone in these sanctuaries if so, the details thereof;

(d) how many tigers are there in these sanctuaries at present; and

(e) how much funds were allotted during the last three years and how much out of it has since been spent?